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Episcopalians Vote Down Gay Priest Measure

The Episcopal Church, which recently held its eight-day General Convention in Anaheim, California, maintained its liberal Christian thrust throughout the Convention despite the defeat of a measure that would have explicitly barred discrimination against homosexual candidates for the priesthood.

The convention was four votes shy of approving as church law a provision that said sexual orientation could not be the basis for denying access to the selection process for ordination. In separate balloting, the bishops and clergy delegates passed the proposal, but it failed because lay delegate support fell short of a two-thirds majority.

The step would have been unprecedented for a major Christian denomination if the resolution had been adopted, but some bishops said that this will not preclude ordination of professed homosexuals and lesbians. Episcopal bishops have considerable latitude in their decisions on ordinations, regardless of a 1979 General Convention statement that advised that it was inappropriate for the church to ordain practicing homosexuals.

Whereas some bishops might deny the priesthood to a homosexual who refused to promise to remain celibate, Bishop Robert M. Anderson of the Minnesota Diocese, for instance, said that he might decline only if the candidate was found to be manipulative or violated rights of others in his or her same-sex relationships.

COURT ORDERS JERRY FALWELL TO KEEP HIS PROMISE

In Sacramento, Municipal Judge Michael Ullman recently ordered Moral Majority leader Jerry Falwell (thought by many people to be the foremost homophobe of the century) to pay \$5000 to Jerry Sloan, former pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church, because of comments Falwell made about the church.

In July 1984, during Falwell's appearance on a television talk show, Sloan charged him with attacking the institution. Falwell denied the charge and offered Sloan \$5000 if he could produce a tape recording.

Sloan came up with a tape of an Old Time Gospel Hour broadcast during which Falwell called the church "part of a vile satanic system (that) will one day be utterly annihilated."

Sloan sued when Falwell refused to pay. Judge Ullman ordered that Falwell pay \$5000, court costs, and 7% interest since July 1984.

Falwell said that his remarks had been misinterpreted and distorted. "This situation is only one more example of harassment by a military homosexual group." He said he would fight the ruling.

Vice-President Comments On AIDS

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Vice-President George Bush while in San Francisco recently said he hopes people don't confuse a lack of comment on AIDS by the administration with a lack of concern.

Bush made the statement in an interview in what is believed to be the most extensive public discussion of AIDS by a senior Reagan official.

Bush said he sympathizes with parents who are afraid to send their children to classrooms with students who have the immune-system disorder.

When asked if a backlash is likely against gays because of AIDS, the Vice-President said Americans are "not overly supportive of that lifestyle anyway." He added that he doesn't think AIDS would affect people's opinions one way or another.

Gay Protection Bill Introduced

NGN Wirecopy News Service
A bill to protect gay people from discrimination throughout America has been introduced to federal legislators by Massachusetts Senator John Kerry.

Kerry called gay people "his friends" and urged his colleagues to support the bill because it would provide protection for "our neighbors, co-workers, and relatives who happen to be gay."

Kerry was joined in sponsoring the bill by Senators Kennedy, Inouye, Moynihan, and Cranston.

UN WORKER'S SON CONVICTED OF GAY MURDER

In New City, a jury has convicted the son of a United Nations executive of second-degree murder in the slaying of a Norwegian fashion student, killed after a night of sadomasochistic homosexual sex.

The jury convicted Bernard Le Geros, 23, of killing Egil Dag Vesti. Le Geros' father is John Le Geros, head of the United Nations development program.

Vesti, 26, was an Oslo native and student at the Fashion Institute of Technology. His body was found February 23 at the Le Geros family estate in Stoney Point, NY, naked except for a black bondage mask over his head.

According to testimony, Le Geros told a friend he tore out Vesti's heart and drank his blood from a wine glass. The prosecution said the victim had been handcuffed and whipped during a sadomasochistic orgy the night he was shot to death.

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Danger of AIDS Found in Use Of Poppers

Laboratory tests with specially bred mice indicate that poppers can increase the risk of contracting AIDS.

Scientists at the National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine recently announced in Denver that inhalation of isobutyl nitrite may further impair the body's ability to fight off infectious disease in people suffering from abnormalities characteristic of AIDS.

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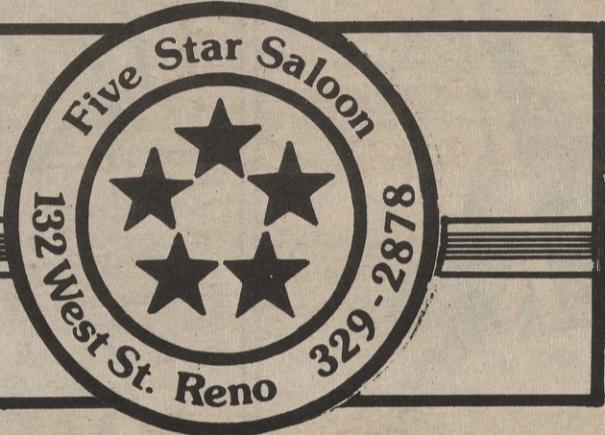
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HOROSCOPES FOR THE HORNY!

by Dr. Pat Larr

LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct 22): A painful time ahead for poor Librarians. Yes, Venus enters Uranus mid-month, so you're bound to be screwed up for the rest of the month. But you come out on top in the end.

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 22): Mercury retrograde means it's time to simplify your love life. Working with your hands is especially satisfying right now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21): Hot pants in high places. Beware of the higher-up who wants to give you a raise. You may just find yourself bent over a desk again.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20): Joint ventures have you riding the high road to romance. Sixty-nine is your lucky number this month, but then with your tons of charm, almost any number will do.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 18): A blond water sign finds you strangely attractive this month. Don't wet your pants when he whips out his watering can, but then you always did like the wet spot.

PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20): A co-worker gets a firm grasp on a sticky situation of yours. Fortunately you come to a quick solution to your problem.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19): The K-car of the Zodiac is down for repairs this month. All you need is a good mechanic with a long monkey wrench to get your crank shaft up to speed.

TAURUS (Apr 20-May 20): That special someone is so angry with you right now they're about ready to throw you over their knee. Swallow your pride and they just might do it.

GEMINI (May 21-Jun 20): Mars moves into your House of Travel by month's end, but don't plan any vacations just yet. You may just be traveling to a new and better job.

CANCER (Jun 21-Jul 20): Things are looking up (always a favorite angle of yours) as that special someone finally learns how to please you and delivers the goods at last.

LEO (Jul 21-Aug 22): Cosmic math at matchmakers are at work on you this month. Someone criminally captivating could tap into your often-repressed sexuality.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sep 22): Money matters sizzle this month. Everyone wants to see your prime rate rise, so forget about the finance charge and go for broke.

Dear Mr. Kett,

My lover and I just celebrated our fifth year together. There was a time when we couldn't get enough of each other's company, but now that we know each other inside and out, we tend to go our separate ways, especially when we're at a party.

When I go to a party nowadays, I want to meet new people, and I expect my lover to do the same. My lover, though, insists that I'm really flirting. I insist I'm just talking. My lover then insists upon grabbing my arm and ushering me away from anyone he considers a potential rival for my affections.

Is there a polite way of telling my lover to let go of me when he attempts to interrupt a stimulating conversation with someone who just happens to be a handsome stranger? A published reply would be most appreciated.

Yours,
Thurston

Dear Thurston,

During the dearly departed Gay Nineties, it was popular for a gentleman to unlink his arm from his partner's and whisper imploringly, "Unhand me, dearie," or, for the more macho, "Unhand me, you cad!" Today, it pains me to report that an elbow in the mid-section is all the rage.

However, I much prefer this method: The next time your lover attempts to pull you away from a handsome stranger, pull your lover back and introduce him to your new friend. When your lover realizes that your handsome friend isn't so fascinating as he looks, you lover will realize that he has no reason for his jealous and rude behavior.

This method does have one drawback, though. Your lover may find he has more in common with your handsome friend than he does with you.

Dear Edwards,

My lover Harry and I are getting married in three months. It's going to be a big affair with the church, the minister, the relatives, the whole bit.

Can I safely assume all the rules that applied to my parents wedding apply to mine? I want to be correct about this since it's my first wedding, and I'll be wearing white.

Love and kisses,
Kelly

Dear Kelly,

Yes, if you're going to have a wedding by the book, all the rules apply. Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue. I'd suggest that you opt for a borrowed cockring and put a blue handkerchief in your back left pocket.

Dear Edwards Kett,

I just received a letter by this morning's post in which a quite attractive man of my longtime acquaintance declares that he wants to have passionate sex with me. How should I post my reply?

Sincerely,
Miles

Dear Miles,

If he's humpy, I'd reply post haste.

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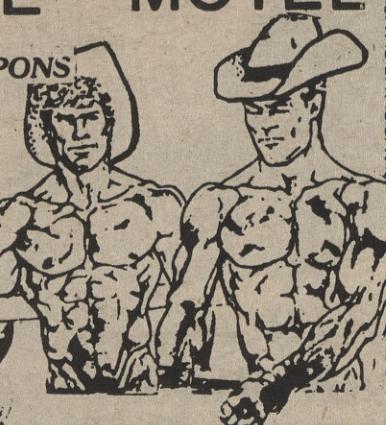
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"The Age Of Love Of Man For A Boy"

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PEDERASTY to the early Greek view of the world was fundamental. They did not refer to it as this word, but simply defined it as the love of a man for a boy, who had passed the age of puberty but not yet reached maturity. Homosexuality in the modern sense was unheard of in ancient Athens, and too, sexual intercourse with a boy under puberty was illegal then, as now. However, there is scholarly disagreement of whether Greek pederasty involved the love of the mind only or of the body. But then we have the example of a time when Socrates had some difficulty with a young man that would make it seem that both mind and body were involved.

It seems that Socrates' young friend came into a dinner party to find Socrates sitting with another young man. "Oh, yes, you would move heaven and earth to sit next to the best-looking man in the room," he cried out.

Socrates was obviously irritated by this outburst and he turned to his host and said, "My love for that fellow is always landing me in trouble. Ever since I fell for him, I have not been allowed even to glance at a good-looking boy, far less talk to one. He gets jealous straight away...I'm afraid that one of these days he'll go for me in earnest."

And his jealous boy said of Socrates, "When I tried climbing into bed with Socrates, and putting my arms around him, the most cunning of my effort merely increased his triumph...he disdained the flower of my beauty, scoffed at it and insulted it."

Alcibiades' description of his attempt to seduce his master, plus the open conversation between Socrates and his host, shows the subject was normal for discussion, and not in a scholarly way.

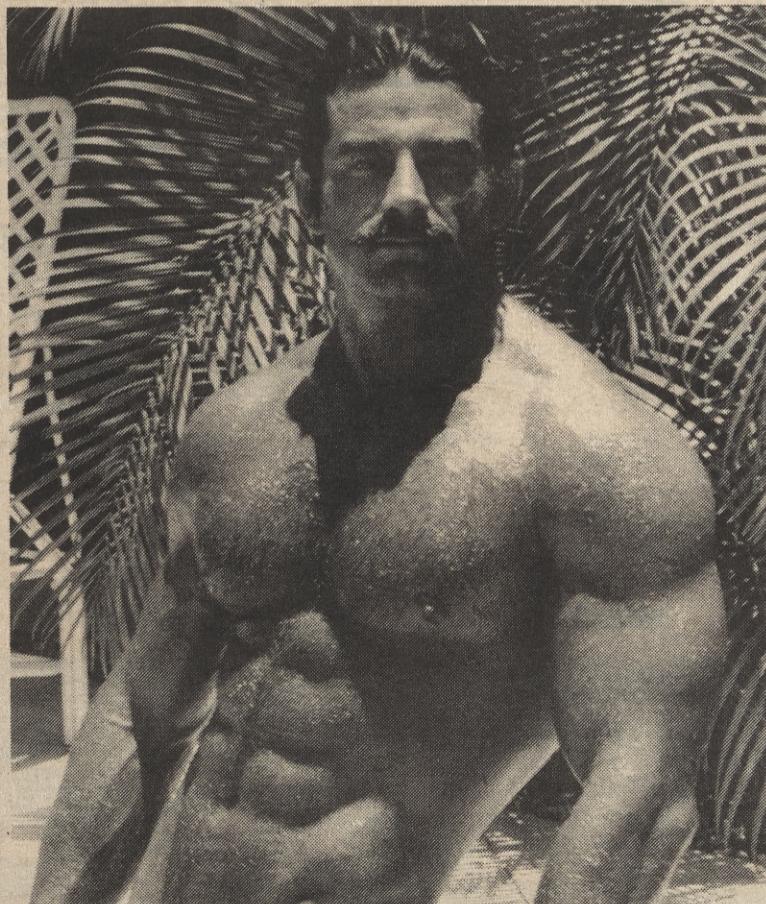
Plato admitted that there was a certain amount of steamy emotion involved and often wrote about it. And Aristophanes made a joke of it and wrote in a book a conversation between characters, "Well, this is a fine state of affairs, you damned desperado! You meet my son just as he comes out of the gymnasium, all fresh from the bath, and you don't kiss him, you don't say a word to him, you don't hug him and yet you're supposed to be a friend of ours." And Sophocles chose to have Oedipus condemned to his gloomy fate because a curse had been placed on his father for falling in love with a handsome boy. Yet no one knew better than Sophocles that pederasty was not a crime!

And certainly the murders that took place in classical times show that certainly emotions were involved, and it was not merely the love of the mind. Many men killed by beautiful, jealous boys who had either had or had refused to have—pederastic relationships.

And in the field of honor—on the battlefields, the relationships of men were best described by Plato when he said, "A handful of lovers and loved ones, fighting shoulder to shoulder, could rout a whole army. For a lover to be seen by his beloved forsaking ranks of throwing away his weapons would be unbearable. He would a thousand times rather die than be so humiliated.

Plato, who never married, but who had many "passionate friendships" during his 80 years, might never have evolved his theory of love if it had not been for the pederastic time in which he lived—and loved.

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Saga of a Mad Warrior
by Sean Bailey

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Thrusting the uplifted sword to the mark,
The hero in midst of magnificent combat
Is deaf to his battle-mate's groan.

Heart crashes wildly, and blood-flame of passion
Sears through the veins to the center of power.
In the dark passage, constricted and pulsing,
The challenge is soon to be won.

Harsh comes the breathing in ragged exhaling.
Muscles engorged with adrenalin flow
Finally yield to the urgent commanding:
Burst with explosive release!

Volcanic eruptions of energy splatter
Again and again the unquenchable fire
Til passions are sated and both are the victor
Together both foeman and foe.

Neither is willing to quit the arena
Break from the mutual conquest they share.
Tangled limbs slacken in ease of elation,
Glow from the vigorous fray.

Softly they part with reluctant outreaching;
Hero to hero with wordless farewell
Turn from the battleground empty, depleted,
Each to his own endless quest.

Neither has found the desire of his seeking,
Only the moment's respite from the flame
Quelling the edge of the force all-impelling,
Calmer to renew the search.

What is the object our hero compelling?
What is the golden cup calling his name?
What potent magnet disrupts his contentment?
A hollow within his own heart.

Yet will he scoff at the ideal romantic,
Jeer at the dreamer persuing a dream,
Rejecting the drive his own course dictating,
Denying his coveted goal.

Still in the night that denies all denying
Hungers gnaw deeply, demand he appease
Cravings that swell with a spasm of aching,
Those he pretends to ignore.

Goaded by forces he cannot consider,
Prompted by demons that burn in his blood,
The warrior prepares for another encounter,
Teased by the promise that waits.

Into the blur of color and jangle
Heavy with smoke and tension unspent
He steps with a purpose, he eyes strong and scanning,
Intent with the need he contains.

Sizing the length of a lancer beside him,
Dismissing at once for some sensed minor flaw,
Assessing another and finding him lacking,
He turns on his heel at the door.

How will he know his most worthy opponent?
How will he measure? What is the rod?
Our warrior cannot to himself give an answer;
He will know in his gut when he's come.

PATLAR COMICS

JACQUES AND STRAP



By Bob Sinclair

MURPHY'S MANOR



by Kurt Erichsen



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PITTSBURGH

NGN Wirecopy Service

A Pennsylvania radio talk-show host was recently fired after she reportedly made strong, anti-gay remarks on the air.

WEDO's Nancy Pryor described a gay youth prom as a homosexual orgy for sex perverts and said the event had been illegally sponsored by the Pittsburgh branch of United Way, a non-profit fundraising organization.

WEDO management told reporters they cancelled the show because it was too extreme and could cause licensing difficulties with the Federal Communications Commission.

The Pittsburgh resident recently ran unsuccessfully for U.S. Congress on an anti-gay platform. She has also filed a lawsuit against the telephone company for listing gay organizations in its yellow pages.

OAKLAND

Artists for Community Life (ACL) was formed in June 1985 in the San Francisco Bay Area. It is a network of individuals involved in the arts and in AIDS prevention. The organization plans to have artists network and pool their talents to increase AIDS awareness and prevention.

Individuals who want to work on videotape, music, graphic, or other projects such as a major festival fundraiser are invited to participate. Others interested in contributing organizing skills towards coordinating the artists' group are also welcome.

ACL's general meetings are on the last Thursday night each month; the organizing committee meetings are on the first Thursday night each month.

For information about Artists for Community Life (ACL), write: Alan Goodman, Community Life, PO Box 20305, Oakland, CA 94620-0305.

OMAHA

The River City Mixed Chorus of Omaha is beginning its second performance year. There are three planned concert periods for the 1985-86 year, including a spring concert and a concert coinciding with Gay Pride Week. In addition, the Chorus is considering possible out-of-town performances, additional small-ensemble events, and attendance at the summer—1986 National GALA Choruses Festival in Minneapolis/St Paul.

Singers are invited to audition for the Chorus. No prepared music is necessary to audition, just a desire to join the Chorus in its goal of "musical excellence in performance."

If interested in joining, or for more information, please phone (402) 455-2334 or (402) 345-5797.

NEW ORLEANS

NGN Wirecopy Service

An appeals court in New Orleans has made criminals of more than a million gay Texans.

The 5th District Circuit Court in New Orleans overturned two earlier rulings that struck down a law banning intimate relations by gay people. In a 9-7 decision, the Court said the law had merit because it was created to establish morality. The judges said the law reflects strong objections to homosexuality which have existed for the past seven centuries.

Activists plan to appeal the ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court.

EAST LANSING

The Lansing Association for Human Rights (LAHR) will conduct a survey of medical, mental, and legal professionals in Lansing and Grand Rapids to update the referral list for the LAHR Hotline.

To obtain more information, write LAHR, 855 Grove Street, East Lansing, MI 48823; telephone (517) 332-1611.

SAN DIEGO

The Western Regional Conference of the Gay and Lesbian Press Association (GLPA) will take place in San Diego October 18-20. All members of the GLPA and others interested in gay and lesbian media issues are encouraged to attend.

Scheduled workshop topics include "Reporting on AIDS," "Gays and Lesbians in the Military," "Advertising and Media Sales," "Longstanding Gay Publications," "Expanding GLPA Membership," and "Graphic Design in Newspapers and Magazines." Representatives of gay and lesbian as well as non-gay publications from throughout the west will be in attendance, including staff members of *The Advocate*, *Coming Up!*, of San Francisco, the *San Diego Gay Gazette*, *Update*, *San Diego Union*, *Los Angeles Times*, and others.

The conference's projected attendance will be around 150, and attendance will be limited. Registration is \$25 for GLPA members and \$35 for non-members.

In addition to workshops, time will be available for information sharing among attendees. There also will be a reception on Friday evening for conference registrants and gay and lesbian leaders in San Diego.

Sunday morning will focus on evaluation of the conference and suggestions to the GLPA about specific concerns of the Western Region membership.

Other activities will include Saturday evening socializing at San Diego's most popular nightspots.

For further information, write to GLPA Conference, c/o San Diego Gay Gazette, PO Box 33187, San Diego, CA 92103; or call (619) 296-6111.

BALTIMORE

A nationwide survey to determine the need for retirement housing and long-term care facilities which are homosexually oriented is underway. The study is being conducted by Dr. A. J. Lucco, Fellow in Geriatric Medicine at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore.

Gay men and lesbians who will be at least 55 years old by the end of the current calendar year are needed to complete an anonymous, self-administered questionnaire which asks for demographic data as well as opinions in regard to retirement-housing options and preferences. Persons who qualify and are willing to participate should contact: A. J. Lucco, M.D., The Beacham Center, 5200 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21224.

Organizations willing to distribute questionnaires are also asked to reply. Results will be compiled and made available to gay/lesbian organizations around the country which are interested in developing retirement facilities for older lesbians and gay men.

HARTFORD

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Connecticut health officials are hopeful that information collected in that state's first survey will lead them to answers on AIDS among residents. Information about safe-sex practices has an effect on smaller cities where the spread of AIDS has not yet reached epidemic proportions.

In Hartford, the Gay Collective conducted a safe-sex survey in local gay bars. There were 300 respondents. Forty-six percent claimed to practice safe sex all the time, but 30 percent said they would refuse to hug a person with AIDS. Only 4 percent said they use injectable drugs.

WEST HOLLYWOOD

(NGN Wirecopy News Service)

The new mayor of West Hollywood is John Heilman, 27, one of two openly gay men on the City Council.

Heilman assumed the responsibility from Valarie Terrigno, a lesbian who served as the city's first mayor.

Heilman and Terrigno have battled openly for weeks, and the entire Council recently spent a weekend in retreat trying to learn how to function better as a team for the good of the city.

West Hollywood, which has a large portion of gay residents, has enacted a law banning discrimination against persons with AIDS.

The city became the second in the nation to pass an anti-AIDS discrimination ordinance. The first city, Los Angeles, passed its ordinance a week earlier, and it was signed into law by Mayor Tom Bradley.

West Hollywood, which is the first city with a majority of gays on its city council, was second in taking such action only because of bureaucratic red tape. Politicos said there was no race to get it done, and hoped that all cities would quickly pass similar legislation. Gay activists say that other cities are indeed now contemplating similar legislation.

SANTA ROSA

Taylor Center (in Santa Rosa, California) for Gay Spirituality offers weekend seminars at the Russian River. Participants have an opportunity to meet Daniel Ennis and Rob Schmidt, authors of "God is Gay." A donation of \$36 is requested; however, it is possible to barter. Meals are provided and meditation and hot tubbing are available.

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FT. WAYNE

At a recent lecture, Susan Hammersmith, the co-author of *Sexual Preference*, revealed the Kinsey Institute's findings on homosexuality based on a five-year federally funded research project which analyzed data from 1000 gays and 500 comparable non-gays.

Hammersmith stated that all previous theories about the causes of homosexuality were incorrect. The dominant mother/weak father theory, recruitment by homo- sex, being female and too ugly for men, and being male but lacking in social skills, and other theories are outdated.

The Kinsey Institute concluded that gays have different inner feelings which crystallize about the time males turn 13 and females turn 15; sexual activity does not change sexual preferences; and gays and non-gays come from the same types of families. Hammersmith also noted that gays had dated as much as non-gays, that 20% of gay men and 33% of lesbians had been married, and that forcing heterosexuality on homosexuals fails universally.

Gay men were different from straight men because they tended to be androgynous (not strictly masculine, but a blend of male and female); they were less compelled to participate in "macho" sports and were not geared toward aggression, competition, or delinquency; and, if a gay male was effeminate in youth, he became less so in adulthood.

Hammersmith stated that "parents have nothing to feel guilty about because they had nothing to do about it."

ST. LOUIS

Mothersource, which is also known as "Lesbians Only, Please!" recently announced its newest service: a lesbian friendship and dating network. The social service agency advertises under the name, "Lesbians Only, Please!"

There have been numerous requests from isolated lesbians who want to protect their privacy and want a confidential supportive alternative to meetings at social events and bars. Mothersource will offer both individuals and couples opportunities to expand their social/support networks to a broader lesbian community.

For additional information, call (618) 462-4051.

ANCHORAGE

(NGN Wirecopy News Service)

Kenneth Wall, 21, has pleaded "no contest" to charges that he murdered a gay man.

Wall, who is from Dillingham, Alaska, was implicated in the stabbing death of a junior high school counselor, whose body was found by his roommate.

The body of Larry Delaney was discovered in his Anchorage apartment, shortly after the murder took place in February.

Wall had originally pleaded "guilty," but later withdrew that plea on a technicality. He finally pleaded "no contest" before a Superior Court judge.

BERKELEY

(NGN Wirecopy News Service)

The University of California at Berkeley will begin an education program for students and faculty dealing with the spread of AIDS on college campuses.

The Student Health Service through Cowell Hospital will provide counseling, distribute pamphlets about AIDS, and provide lectures on the subject funded by a \$57,000 grant.

A University spokeswoman, Cathy Kodama, said that within three years, they hope to reach more than two million people in California through the program.

HOLLYWOOD

The Temenos Youth Outreach Program of the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center is seeking women volunteers, 18 and older, to staff its Youth Talkline. The Talkline is in operation on Friday and Saturday nights starting at 7:00.

Volunteers will receive 20 hours of training in crisis intervention, psychodynamics, empathetic listening, and providing appropriate resources and referrals. The Talkline staff play a vital role in helping to reduce the isolation and alienation of gay and lesbian young people struggling with their sexual identities.

In addition, the Youth Outreach Program will soon begin facilitator training. Volunteers, 18 and older, will receive 21 hours of training in two weekend seminars.

Rap groups have been organized throughout the county to reduce the isolation among gay youth, and facilitators are needed to accommodate growing participation. Women are particularly encouraged to apply.

For more information about the training programs, call (213) 464-744, est. 248.

LAKE CHARLES

Dr. Linda Parks has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the National Prisoners' Rights Union which is non-profit and has volunteer offices in 37 states. She also has been asked to prepare information for an interview, on the TV program *Sixty Minutes*, about women who are in or who have been in jail or prison.

Women who want to participate can write to Luis Kutner, the world renowned civil-rights attorney, who is coordinating the *Sixty Minutes* screening. The address is 106 W. Adams St., Chicago, IL 60603 or to Dr. Parks at POB 6755, Lake Charles, LA 70606.

The purpose of the program is to educate the public about the events that take place when a woman is arrested in this country and put in prison. The effect on her family and what the future holds for such women in the justice system will be examined.

HONOLULU

The Sexual Identity Center is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization which provides information, education, and an advocacy service. Started by volunteers, the programs and services offered through the Sexual Identity Center assist people in dealing with sexual problems and issues.

The Gay Information Service is a taped message available 24 hours a day which lists community services, support groups, community resources, and businesses that are supportive of gay people. The Gay Information Service can be reached by calling (808) 926-2910. The service receives approximately 2200 calls each month.

For more information, write the Sexual Identity Center, PO Box 3224, Honolulu, HI 96801; telephone (808) 926-1000.

DARTMOUTH

(NGN Wirecopy News Service)

University officials in New Hampshire have placed a sorority on probation after members harassed gay students who were holding a fundraising party to raise money to fight AIDS.

Administrators had warned the Dartmouth College sorority; but when the group did not stop, they placed the group on "social probation" for taunting gay students who danced at a Alpha Chi Omega party called "Live Aid—A Tribute To Rock Hudson."

TEMPE

Planning has started on the Second Desert States Lesbian and Gay Conference which is scheduled April 4, 5, and 6 in Phoenix.

The Conference gives the desert states (Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico) an opportunity to develop a regional political identity in the Lesbian and Gay movement.

Each participating city will elect a male and female co-chair for the Conference.

This year's theme is, "Pride in Diversity, Strength in Unity." Workshops will address both personal and political issues.

Conference organizers anticipate two or three additional planning sessions prior to the conference. Each session will be held in a participating city. The next session takes place in Reno, October 12 and 13, 1985.

Persons who are interested in attending a planning session, offering a workshop, or working on the conference should contact David Lilly at (602) 241-9404.

The Arizona Lesbian and Gay Task Force (ALGT) has started to gather documentary evidence of harassment directed against gay men and lesbian women. Persons who have experienced any act of harassment should send a letter detailing the event and, if possible, the names of the people causing the act of harassment. If a response is desired, the sender should include a name and address. Write: ALGT Documentation Project, PO Box 1405, Tempe, AZ 85281. All letters will be kept in strictest confidence to insure the anonymity of the senders.

OAKLAHOMA CITY

(NGN Wirecopy News Service)

Oklahoma lawmakers are planning to make life more difficult for gay people living in the State of Oklahoma.

Both houses of the legislature have approved a bill that would give landlords the right to discriminate against persons they believe to be gay.

Another measure approved unanimously by the state's House of Representatives would allow the firing of any school teacher who advocates a gay lifestyle, when such action could be considered "indiscreet and not practiced in private."

Gay activists say the measure is intended to bypass a U.S. Supreme Court ruling earlier this year that prohibited Oklahoma from firing a teacher simply because the person might be gay.

LOS ANGELES

The Los Angeles Women's Community Chorus is accepting members for its 10th Anniversary Season. The chorus performs music composed, arranged, and conducted by women.

Meetings are held which provide opportunities to get acquainted, discuss goals, and sing. All women who are willing to commit themselves to the chorus for a full season (thru June) are welcome. Call (818) 794-4073 for information.

EUREKA

Humboldt United Gays (HUG) has temporarily closed its library. However, if anyone has unwanted books, donations will still be accepted.

During October, there will be a Health Fair sponsored by Serenity House. It will include a variety of booths with information on alcoholic/drug rehabilitation for addicts and their families, AIDS, and rape.

For more information, contact Jackie at (707) 444-3341.

VERNON

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Connecticut police say they have a new lead in a string of gay-related killings. Because the most recent victim survived his attack authorities hope he will be able to give a description of the killer.

The murders of two gay men occurred in Vernon, a suburb of Hartford. Ronald Vass and Robert Boschaine were killed under very similar circumstances, suggesting one person might be responsible for the crimes. Then a third gay man, Ralph Perkins, was found shot in the head in the same part of Vernon, again under similar circumstances. Perkins is alive and recovering and may be able to provide police with an accurate description of his attacker.

For now, Vernon town police are circulating a composite description of a suspect seen only minutes before Perkins was shot.

Earlier this year, Governor O'Neill issued a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the apprehension of the killer.

SANTA CLARA

NGN Wirecopy Service

Police in Santa Clara are investigating the firebombing of an adult bookstore with a gay clientele.

Police say The Bookcase at 36 Saratoga Avenue received modest damage when an explosive device placed over the back door blew out the door, shattered a light fixture, and scattered books all over the store.

Store Manager Bruce Fischer said he has no idea who might have bombed the store. The store's merchandise is balanced, but about 80 percent of the clientele is gay.

The bookstore is located next to a gay disco in Santa Clara. No one was injured in the incident.

DAVIS

A research team at the University of California, Davis has been selected to establish and operate a central virus diagnostic laboratory for state-funded research on AIDS. For its first year of operation, \$223,000 has been allocated for the laboratory that will serve more than 50 scientists throughout California.

The laboratory will be used to study the AIDS virus from human fluids and tissues. It will also be used to test for and confirm AIDS virus antibodies and to identify infections commonly seen in AIDS patients. The laboratory is designed to help avoid costly duplication of tests at laboratories throughout the state.

The laboratory will be located in a remote part of the campus and will be housed in a containment facility where a number of precautions will be taken to prevent the spread of the infectious agents. The building has multiple locked doorways and air-flow controls, and workers will wear protective clothing. The major use will be in the evaluation of drugs because virus isolations before and after treatment are the only definitive way to tell if a drug is effectively combating the infection.

LINCOLN

A new support group has been formed in Lincoln. The group is part of an established national organization of gay Seventh Day Adventists. SDA Kinship provides opportunities for gay Adventists to continue to worship as Adventists and to provide moral support and social outlet.

Persons interested in participating or desiring more information should call Tamey at (402) 476-0229, or Howard at (402) 464-0902.



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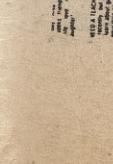
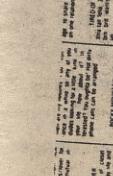
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NEW YORK

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A play about the man who murdered San Francisco's first openly gay elected official is going to open on New York's Broadway.

Emily Mann's "The Execution of Justice" will begin rehearsals in January 1986 and is expected to open sometime the following month.

The play revolves around the 1979 murder trial of Dan White, convicted of killing San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and gay Supervisor Harvey Milk. That trial, considered controversial because of its defense of Dan White as a sugar-induced manic-depressive, caused a riot at San Francisco City Hall.

"The Execution of Justice" first appeared at the Berkeley Repertory Theater this past summer.

WILMINGTON

Delaware NOW Lesbian Rights Task Force will survey gay discrimination in the state.

Task Force Chair Cyrella Caldwell announced that the survey will inquire about discrimination by government agencies, business establishments, and in the workplace. Completed surveys will be kept "strictly confidential."

Caldwell said that the Task Force will conduct the survey because "most of our legislators are not aware of cases of discrimination because people do not feel free to talk about it." She said that she hoped the results would "raise the consciousness of our legislators."

For a copy of the survey, call (302) 731-7136.



ERNIE BROWN

VIEWS FROM RIVER CITY

Congrats to

Sacramento Opera Association for their first presentation of the season, *La Boheme*. It was beautifully done. I don't think I have ever attended a better sung or acted performance of *La Boheme* in all my opera-going experience. Keep your eyes & ears open for their next opera, *Die Fledermaus*, due November 22 and 24. Also coming up in Feb. is *Lucia di Lammermoor*, an opera which tends to drive true opera queens mad, mader, and madest!...And speaking of October, we all are familiar with this month, aren't we now? Bitches' & Witches' Christmas! The beginning of the autumn season. Shorter days & longer cool lights. And, of course, the Halloween galas & fanfares...Starting out with the Wreck Room, which is having its Halloween contest Thursday, Oct. 31; all participants must register at 9 o'clock. Judging will start at 11:30, prizes & surprises. You know the Wreck Room. They will do it up right...Did you know that the old Sacto Ritz is now "FACES"? This is a hot new bar. You've got to check it out. Listen to this program: Monday nites, Closet Jack Pot, \$1000 Jackpot, a winner at 10:30 and another one at 12:30; Tuesday nites, square dancing; Wed nites, Dynasty Nite; Thurs. nites, "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun Night" (free carnations for all the ladies, discounted well drinks, complimentary cocktail at 10 PM); Fri. & Sat. nites, Wild Nights (drawings, discounted drinks, disco, the works). Sun. 30-cent well drinks starting at 3 PM, Sunday's Manhunt (add ten cents for drinks every hour). Watch for their Grand Opening and their first Halloween Party. You might be the lucky one to win a cruise for two. Details later...The Mercantile Saloon is having their Eighth Anniversary Celebration, Sun. Oct 6 starting out with a pajama party at 8 AM til 10 AM, hosted by our Duke, Paul & Randi. This will be a fun day. There will be food, prizes, and a really really big big show. Come out and celebrate with us...Attention: Bobbette will be setting up a fundraiser soon in all the bars. This will be a relief fund for the disaster in Mexico...The Forum is now called Cleo's and is doing quite well. As a matter of fact, GNIE will be holding their Closet Ball there, Sat. Oct 26, doors open at 7 PM. Show starts at 8 PM. This is always a fun-filled event. (Looking ahead into November, mark your calendars for the Patlar's fourth annual fundraiser scheduled at Cleo's on Nov. 24, starting at 8:00 PM. Hosts will be Opal, Skip, and our Dutchess, Stacy...) There are other bars that are holding events this month, but they didn't get their info to me before press time. So please check with The Rose, The Buffalo Club, Once In A Blue Moon, The Western, & BoJ/Sandals for their October events...Below is my recommended

LONG BEACH

by Jack Warren

While cruising Fourth Street in Long Beach, you may have noticed that "Club Long Beach" gay baths are closed. They will re-open October 15 as "Bodycentre...a gym for men."

Long Beach Men's Chorale, a year old last month, is now auditioning for singing members and is seeking support members and financial benefactors as well. If you are interested, call (213) 438-3956.

Friday Night Coffee Club has been organized and is meeting at The Center/LB. Movies, board-games, card games, and potlucks are highlights. A \$2 donation is requested. Get information from Ray at (213) 434-3089.

A new business is open at 3226 Broadway in LB. It is called "Record Reaction" and specializes in dance music. They feature new, used, domestic, imported, and out-of-print records.

Bowlers and beginning bowlers in the south bay are invited to call (213) 323-7983 for information on the Cobra Bowling League.

The Queen Mary is the setting again for the LB Lambda Democratic Club's sixth annual Human Rights Banquet on October 19. If, like me, you didn't receive an invitation, you may make reservations at PO Box 14454, Long Beach, CA 90803. The tickets are \$35 each.

The Center/Long Beach is the only non-government organization in California (possibly the nation) to have full HTLV-III antibody testing. A brochure from The Center should answer any questions you may have about this highly controversial testing. Pre-test and post-test counseling are available, and the tests are done anonymously. Funds for the program are from community fundraising, the State of California, Long Beach Health Department, and a grant from the National Conference of Mayors. For a copy of the brochure, write to The Center/LB, 2025 E. 10th Street, Long Beach, CA 90804.

Orange County Great Outdoors has new officers and an ambitious schedule of events. Meetings are the first and third Tuesday at Me and Ed's Pizza on Beach Blvd. near Garden Grove Blvd. in Stanton. Non-members are welcome.

Congratulations to Ripples on their 12th anniversary. And also to the winner of their Grand Prize round-trip vacation for two to Mexico.

Anyone in the OC/LB areas with news, information, or trivia can call me at (213) 438-5358 for publicity or to find out about advertising in *The Patlar*.

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THE KITCHEN FAIRY

Trick Is Treat!

In the costume ball of life, dears, Halloween is just another Thursday night! (I do so love wearing gowns and fur!) Though I must admit at Halloween the competition's stiffer. (Uooh!) I mean every Avon lady in the country is busier than a queen on the corner of Hollywood and Vine; there's a positive stampede for strapless gowns in the resale shops, zip wax sales skyrocket, and I get out my hoop skirt. (The only exercise I get all year is touching my toes in my hoop skirt!)

It strikes me (oh, do it again!) that the holidays are upon us (like so many things I adore). Dears, I'm always prowling for a reason to eat, and there's one around every corner (oooh!) as holiday follows holiday, repast follows repast—and someone always shows up with dessert. (And I've laid my eyes on some new desserts that would make you wond quiver!)

I, for one, am wasting no time in flinging myself into the mad social whirl. I'm washing my wings of my summer body, heading for the whipped cream, and flying in the face of al fresco (and everyone else!). Let us eat, drink, and be Mary! Anything worth doing is worth overdoing! And, if we start now, we'll be ready for Christmas.

It helps to prepare oneself for the debaucheries ahead by picking a holiday to practice on. The first one I could find was Oktoberfest. (Adopting foreign holidays lets you turn life into a party!) But what follows is more than Oktoberfest, it is Oktoberfeast, rivalling anything Chicago's Berghoff can dish out. (Ja! Ja! We're talking heavy German, here!) This is a meal that will prepare you for all that lies ahead. Heavy? Well, all I can say is it's a great reason to loosen your belt and unbutton your pants! Trick is treat!

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Fritz's Schnitzel

(Serves: 2)

Unt what a schnitzel he had! Always one of my favorite entrees! Ach!

Preparation Time:
(15 minutes)

Cooking Time:
(6 minutes)

NOTE: This should be cooked last and served immediately.

Ingredients:

2 (6-oz.) veal slices
2/3 cup fine, plain bread crumbs
1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
1 egg
1 Tablespoon water
1/4 cup butter
lemon wedges (not the shoes!)

Preparation:

1. Beat your meat between two sheets of waxed paper to flatten the slice to 1/4 inch thick.
2. In a pie plate combine the bread crumbs, nutmeg, dash of salt and pepper.
3. Beat up the egg and water in another plate.
4. Dip the veal into the egg and then into the crumb mixture, pressing the crumbs into the meat.
5. Heat the butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat.
6. Sauté the veal quickly (about 3 minutes per side) till golden brown.
7. Serve with lemon wedges.

Cream Your Spinass

(Serves: 2)

Even if you haven't liked spinach ever, ever, this will make you positively cream for it!

Preparation Time:

(14 minutes)

Cooking Time:

(25 minutes)

Ingredients:

A 10-oz. package frozen, chopped spinach
3 Tablespoons butter
1 Tablespoon finely minced onion
1 cup hot cream
1/8 teaspoon nutmeg, or to taste
Salt and pepper to taste

Preparation:

1. Cook the spinach according to package directions. Drain in a sieve, pressing out as much liquid as you can.

2. Over medium heat, melt the butter in a saucepan. Cook the onions till soft.

3. Remove from heat and swish in the flour to blend.

4. A little at a time, whisk in the hot (cha-cha) cream.

5. Put back on the heat and stir till smooth and thickened.

6. Swish in the spinach. Season to taste (put that mouth to work!).

NOTE: You can fix this ahead of time and reheat it in the microwave. Any leftovers make a fabulous omelet filling.

Frauline Frank's Gaytato Cakes

(Serves: 2)

It's all in the wrist, girls!

Preparation Time:

(25 minutes)

Cooking Time:

(15 minutes)

Ingredients:

1 pound (2 large) baking potatoes
1 egg
2 Tablespoons finely grated onion
2 Tablespoons plus 2 1/2 teaspoons flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
Half butter/half vegetable oil

Preparation:

1. Skin your potatoes, dropping them into cold water as you do (so they won't turn brown on you!).

2. In a large mixing bowl beat up the eggs. Beat in the onion. Gradually beat in the flour and salt.

3. Shred half a potato at a time. Pressing the liquid out of the grated potato in a sieve and stirring it toute suite (right away, doll) into the egg mixture. (Shake that tail, honey, or the potatoes will turn brown.) Do this till all your potatoes are grated.

4. Preheat your oven to 250 degrees. Get out a cookie sheet, cookie.

5. Over medium-high heat, heat enough butter and oil to generously cover the bottom of a skillet. Heat till it is hot.

6. 1/3 of a cup at a time, pour the potato mixture into the skillet.

7. Fry till golden brown (about 3 minutes on each side).

8. Keep hot in the oven while you finish the rest of the pancakes and dinner.

Pumper Pudding

(Serves: 2)

Among life's greatest, most satisfying pleasures are those you pump out in no time. And, honey, this is one quick trick.

Preparation Time:

(15 minutes)

Chills

(At least 2 hours)

Ingredients:

1/2 cup whipping cream
3/4 Tablespoon sugar
1/4 teaspoon vanilla
2 (or more) slices pumpernickel bread, crumbed
2/3 cup white cranberry sauce

Preparation:

1. Whip your cream till stiff (oooh!)

2. Gently fold in the sugar and vanilla.

3. In two deep dessert dishes (parfait glasses preferred) make alternate layers of the bread crumbs, cranberry sauce, and whipped cream. End with the whipped cream.

4. Chill for at least 2 hours.

Have a wunderbar Oktoberfeast and a mad Halloween, and don't miss next month's column *Stuffing It!* Till next we eat, yummy down and

Kiss. Kiss.
The Kitchen Fairy

ERNIE

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biggy for 1985. Listen to this: "Holiday In Reno" sponsored by our Emperor Chuck & Empress Digette. Dec. 27, 28, 29, 1985. Here is the setup. Leaving from Sacto by Amtrak 1:05, 12/27/85; arriving back in Sacto 1:21 PM 12/29/85. Host bar & show on an Amtrak private car, total cost is \$105 which includes round-trip private coach, \$80 fun-filled casino pack 'rebate', hotel luggage pick-up & delivery, Reno Amtrak, two nights dbl-occupancy at the The Sundowner Hotel, Saturday night free buffet & show at the 1099 Club...11 PM. Remember this: Full Payment of \$105 due Nov. 1, 1985. To make reservation, a \$25 minimum deposit is required now. I told you this is a big one. I'll see you there...Please note: Films for Days has moved. Their new location is 2300 "O" St. They now have a larger showroom & hundreds of hot gay movies. They are now dealing with beta format films as well as VHS format. They still have low everyday movie prices for members. If you have to call them, their no. is 448-3456...Note: I am planning a Reno bus trip at the end of this month; if you are interested, let me know...

HARRISBURG

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Anti-gay activists in Pennsylvania have filed a lawsuit to force the Harrisburg city government to prepare a petition to remove gays from protected groups under a local anti-discrimination ordinance.

Harrisburg City Clerk Rosemary Berry had refused to issue a petition to initiate a replacement campaign, although "Citizens Who Care" had the required minimum signatures to start the drive.

Members of the City Council said they would not overturn the ordinance which was passed last May, so the right-wing "Care" group said they want to take the matter to the voters.

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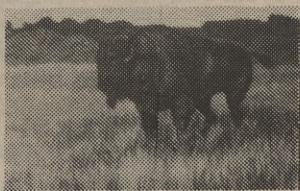
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A BOOK REVIEW



HOT LIVING, Erotic Stories About Safer Sex, John Preston, editor, Alyson Publications, Inc., Boston, 1985, 191 pp., paperback.

Reviewed by Joliff Weston

Alyson Publications is not known for publishing pornography; their usual books are non-erotic gay romances, gay mysteries, and other books aimed at a general gay readership. And The Patlar has never before published a review of a pornographic book.

However, this book seems to be worthy of a bit of special attention for two reasons. First, it represents the first attempt that we are aware of to use pornography in the fight against AIDS. And second, all future royalties from the sales of the book will be donated to the Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York City.

AIDS researchers are in strong agreement that certain sexual practices among gay men are far more likely to transmit the disease than others. They also agree that a major reason AIDS keeps spreading is that many gay men believe "safe sex" could not be satisfying for them. **HOT LIVING**, whose contributors include some of the country's best-known gay writers, sets out to disprove this belief.

HOT LIVING is a set of 17 short stories, each with the pornographic plot. Notice I said "the" pornographic plot, for in reality, there is only one truly pornographic plot, no matter what the setting or approach. And what is interesting in this collection is the diversity of settings and approaches.

The "climax" are all the same, even under the guise of so-called "safer sex." And again notice the term "safer sex." Not "safe sex." Even in the best of times and under the most antiseptic conditions, some of the fantastic carryings-on described in some of these stories could never, in my mind, be considered truly "safe." True, certain carryings-on may be "safer" than others; but absolutely "safe," never!

If you like pornography, well, you just might like some of these stories. Some of them are well constructed; some of them are awful. Most of them are merely so-so; typical porn with an ever-so-slightly different slant.

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Well, I'm the new kid on the block. Let's hope it's not a chopping block. This column will primarily be directed toward older gays and lesbians. In common parlance this is generally considered to be between the ages of 40 to 90-plus. But I like to think in a tongue-in-cheek fashion, so I have tentatively decided to call

LISTENING TO LAVENDER!

by Lavender Cantello

Dear Lavender,

I recently broke my leg in a motorcycle crunch. When I came home from the hospital, a bunch of my so-called friends treated me abysmally. Every damn one of them insisted on autographing my cast and wouldn't take "no" for an answer when I tried to talk them out of it.

Lavender, it's bad enough having to hobble around in a cast; it's downright degrading having that cast covered with graffiti. Every time I glance down at my cast I can't help but remember what my grandmother always said: "Fools' names, like fools' faces, always appear in public places."

What should I do about this stupid situation and these stupid, insensitive, so-called friends?

James Arthur
(San Jose)

Dear Mrs. Cantello,

My problem is my roommate, Helen. She is so wasteful.

Twice a week Helen takes a milk bath which consists of merely soaking in a tubful of whole milk for about thirty minutes. She insists that her milk baths are the reason why she is so extraordinarily beautiful (her own assessment, by the way).

Mrs. Cantello, whole milk is expensive and I really don't think that Helen should simply let it go down the drain after she's through with it. My suggestion is that she let me make cheese out of it; I have a cheese-making machine. Helen insists that the resulting cheese would be unsanitary, but I know that the heating process used in making cheese would kill any bacteria from her body.

What do you think of my idea?

Audrey
(Sioux Falls)

Dear Audrey,

Your idea literally gives me indigestion. In fact, after having read your suggestion, I don't believe I'll be able to eat another piece of cheese, ever ever ever!

However, simply letting all that whole milk go down the drain does sound a bit wasteful. You might give some thought to adopting a few cats who would, I feel sure, appreciate being allowed to lap up quite a bit of that only slightly used, second-hand whole milk. Or you might insist that Helen at least let you yourself soak for awhile in the milk before pulling the plug. You might be surprised what it might do for you. (Come to think of it, I'd probably be surprised too, so keep me posted.)

Over Eighteen!

by Sam Keasbey

the column **Over Eighteen** out of tribute to George Burns and our ageistic society (and we're always 18 inside ourselves). I have toyed with other titles, such as: "Poppycock" because I am also a gay father; "Half-Cocked" out of deference to Androgyny; "Tongue-in-Cheek" because I like puns; and "No Loitering" because the phrase is repugnant to me and also because the meaning of "No Loitering" is to 'hurry onward' which indicates to me that life should be lived to the fullest and that we must go forward in life to meet our various destinies.

Let me introduce myself so that you can pigeon-hole me right away. My name is Sam Keasbey, and I live in Alameda, California. For you astrologers, I was born July 1, 1930

at 7:00 PM in Dunkirk, Indiana, at home. I attended Central High School (now torn down and probably a parking lot) in Muncie, Indiana (home of the famous sociological study called Middletown, USA). I was graduated from Ball State University, though when I went there it was still a teachers' college. (Its most famous alumnus is probably David Letterman, but if you don't watch TV after midnight, you won't know who he is.) I majored in languages, studying Spanish, French, German, and Latin. (My mother was a Latin teacher.) I have been at various times in my life a paperboy, a dishwasher, a reader for the blind, an order clerk, a night auditor, a

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SOUNDINGS

by Adam DuMonde

As do many others, I have a second whole family of people who have been dear to me for nearly three decades. Some of the individuals in this group accept my homosexuality, others do not, and some just don't really know what to make of it.

One side of my natural family has completely written me off. This is their loss, which I hope someday they will realize, especially since I am an only child.

My second family has stood by me and been supportive through good times and the very bad. Once they learned of my sexuality, however I became aware of the different degrees of acceptance. Each family member expressed "genuine" love for me, but still there lacked in some an understanding that despite my sexual orientation, I still possessed full personhood.

This attitude on their part (Don't nearly all gay men and women automatically accept the personhood of straights without thinking about it?) stemmed from the homophobia which we know to the marrow of our bones exists in so many people. Many just cannot see us as persons, just as many others cannot see Blacks, Asians, and even the handicapped as persons. Somehow, if you're different, you're just not quite a person.

EIGHTEEN!

from pg. 12

hotel desk clerk, a freight biller, a payroll clerk, a typist, an editor, a proofreader, a teacher, a technical writer, and a librarian. Personally, I'd rather be a poet with rose-colored glasses because that's how I look at life. But someone has to pay the piper. Pipers don't work for nothing; they've joined ASCAP.

As I recall, the Pied Piper of Hamelin played his magic flute and led the children of Hamelin straight into a mountain whereupon they all disappeared, never to be heard from again. Presumably a secret door opened in the mountain, and also presumably the mountain was hollow and led to another (and happier world) where the children could have much more fun and frolic in the sun with never a worry or care. To think otherwise would mean that the Piper had marched them straight to their doom; and they're within that mountain to this very day, imprisoned in a chamber, now hundreds of tiny skeletons.

I never followed the Piper, so I can't say for sure what actually happened. I've been marching, as they say, to the beat of a different drummer, which explains why I ended up here in the prison of a column, writing my way to freedom.

Actually, I thought my last relationship had broken up; and being a child of the 80s, I joined a "relationship-breakup group" to learn why and to try to prevent this particular brand of torture from ever happening again. The group hasn't met yet, but the group leader, a lady doctor, met me for an intake interview; and while she played the magic flute, I enumerated my woes.

She recommended a course of action, that I should contact Operation Concern in San Francisco. There I met a seniors' program coordinator, and became familiar with GLOE, an outreach program directed to older gays and lesbians. There are estimated to be 24,000 lesbians and gay men aged 60 and over who live in San Francisco.

How do we change such attitudes? No doubt there are several valid avenues, but I just want to address one. A recent experience illustrates my point.

About three years ago, I was told by one member of my second family, that while I was accepted as being gay, the one just did not want me to bring any of my "friends" to their home. This is a right, for we all have dominion over our homes. What we don't like, we do not have to have in our homes—regardless of what anyone else might believe to the contrary. Some of this attitude stemmed from this person's dislike of my lover at the time, although this person had not actually met my lover—only knew him by the filters of others' imaginings.

What to do? Well, because I do love these people without condition, I accepted the one person's right of the home. The other partner in the marriage could not have cared less, saying: "We've always been fond of you. I've always been aware of homosexual people. And, it doesn't make a bit of difference to me."

The other had much to learn. I waited and waited. The opportunity came one evening when that person came to my apartment for cocktails before the theatre. At the theatre, the opportunity arose for me to

introduce this person to some of my gay friends. I'm not sure at the time that this person realized they were gay, but soon found out from me. The response was, "Just tell them, I am a good person," as words were uttered about how fine my friends seemed to be.

Two weeks later, two of my friends and I were set to go on a day trip to the region in which my second family lives—an area where I often go alone to unwind. I wanted to show my friends a special place. I called ahead; said we were coming up; and would it be okay to drop by for a short visit? The response: "Okay, but my house isn't tidy." "Doesn't matter," said I.

The upshot: My second family got to meet my two friends on a one-to-one basis. They were gracious hosts, making all feel welcome. In fact, the one who had reservations was so taken by the quality of one of my friends that "adoption," in a jocular vein, was proposed.

Two days later, I telephoned to inquire if the people we had visited were made uncomfortable. "No," was the reply. "Bring them or others up again. We enjoyed them. They were lovely people."

The lesson: Strident calls for acceptance sometimes will turn people off. Others will see us as people when we offer them the quiet opportunities to see us as the people we really are. Often it's a one-to-one matter.

GETTIN THERE



by TOM DOLAN

Dingdong Gets Religion

Where I kissed him, my lips stuck. It was the humidity, I guess. Making matters worse, smoke from brushfires on the edge of town blanketed the neighborhood and stung our eyes.

On the fifth day of the record heatwave, Cupcake cracked.

"Do we have to, Uncle Tom?" he implored. "It's too hot to live, let alone make love."

"You're quite right, my boy," I said. "I'll simply jump into a cold shower, like I used to before I met you. Sex isn't important," I lied.

"I'm glad you feel that way, Uncle Tom," said Cupcake, giving me a sticky hug, "cause the heat, the humidity, and the smoke from those brushfires have done a number on me. I guess I'm not in the mood."

"Don't give it a second thought, m'boy," I said, always considerate of Cupcake's mercurial moods. From past experience, I knew he would be begging for it within the hour if I feigned indifference.

"You're so considerate, Uncle Tom," said Cupcake. "I don't know how to thank you."

"I'm sure you'll think of something," I replied with a dark chuckle. "Now, as we used to say in the military, when I was super-macho, let's hit the showers."

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While Buffalo is a major rail center and inland port, it is also noted

for a good philharmonic orchestra, four colleges with a combined student body of 40,000, and the Buffalo Bills pro-football team, usually the laughing stock of N.F.L.

First-time visitors may want to visit the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Peace Bridge (one of America's pioneer skyscrapers) and the stately old mansions on Delaware and Lincoln Avenues, which reflect a happier and more prosperous age. The Erie Basin Marina is both pretty and cruisy.

The bars in Buffalo are open daily until 4:00 AM, a later closing than I like, but on the plus side, drinks are fairly reasonable. Most are centered around the little gay ghetto known as Allentown—Allen Street between Delaware and Main. The busiest men's discos are City Lights at 727 Main Street and Villa Capri at 926 Main Street. City Lights gets a younger crowd, while any leathermen around or visiting will be found at the Villa. Women prefer M.C. Compton's at 1239 Niagara Street. The Crossroads at Allen and Delaware gets a mature crowd and has a good cocktail hour.

For gay dining, try the Allen Restaurant at 16 Allen Street or Greenfield Street at 25 Greenfield Street. Rosy, Rum and Rations is supposedly trying to discourage the gay crowd, so skip it.

The hot bath in Buffalo is the New Morgan Turkish Baths at 655 Main Street; and for books, try Talking Leaves at 3144 Main Street. The C.B.C. has an affiliate baths in neighboring Amherst, but don't waste your time. For leather, try Gypsy in nearby Lancaster.

I usually have stayed at the Holiday Inn-Midtown, centrally located on North Main Street, but on my latest trip, stayed at the new impressive and expensive Hyatt Regency

Buffalo. This is in two old renovated buildings, one of which used to be the YMCA. It proved to be a lot nicer and every bit as much fun.

For straight dining, try Esmond's, Old Red Mill Inn, Park Lane Manor House, Romanello's Roseland, Salvatore's Italian Gardens, Valentine's, and The Cloister—built on the site of Mark Twain's 1870 home.

As long as you're visiting Buffalo, you might as well see Niagara Falls, just twenty miles north. This town of less than 100,000 is mostly for newlyweds or nearly-deads, but the falls are one of the most spectacular tourist attractions in the world. To really experience them, get up close and gaze over the brink, but leave your barrel at home. You can take the tower elevator to the foot of the falls or go boating on the "Maid of the Mist."

Other Rainbow County attractions include the Aquarium, Winter Garden, Beaver Island State Park, Erie Canal Locks at Lakeport, and the Skylon—a view restaurant on the Canadian side.

Although Buffalo might not acknowledge it, there is gay life in Niagara Falls too. The Blue Boy Lounge is a small but fun disco bar at 520 Niagara Street, and the Rainbow House, a member of the IGHC chain, is more like a guest house than a full-scale baths. Good Time Charlie's is a popular and cruisy bookstore on Highway 62 between Niagara Falls and Buffalo.

"Shuffle off to Buffalo" is an old refrain, and you may find that some of Buffalo's best have already shuffled off to someplace with a more moderate climate. But believe me, there are still interesting and fun people around. The city's new campaign theme is "A great American city hides in plain sight!" That may be true, but "buried" is more

like it in wintertime, which is intolerable. Buffalo is constructing a new subway system and downtown mall. While things are pretty much torn up now, this should improve the situation when completed in 1986. It can only get better, so give it a try.

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DOLAN

from pg. 13

"Did you want me to join you, Uncle Tom?" asked Cupcake, who was already weakening.

"Oh, no," I said. "Maybe you can catch up on your horoscope while I'm in the shower. See what kind of a day we're supposed to be having."

"Okay, Uncle Tom," said Cupcake. "I'll let you know when you come out."

No sooner had I stepped into the shower than the doorbell rang, or should I say, chimed? It was Dingdong.

Dingdong is Cupcake's friend, the twinkie he used to pal around with before he met me. By the time I had wrapped a towel round my middle, Cupcake had let him in.

Believe it or not, Dingdong's first words were, "Woe unto you, ye twinkies! Unless ye repent, ye shall roast forever on a red-hot rotisserie in Satan's kitchen."

"Dingdong!" squealed Cupcake, Continued next page.

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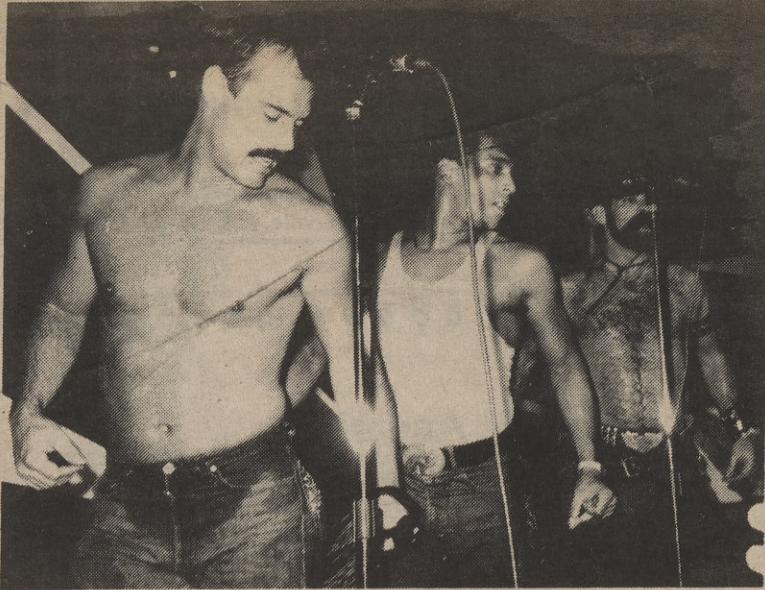
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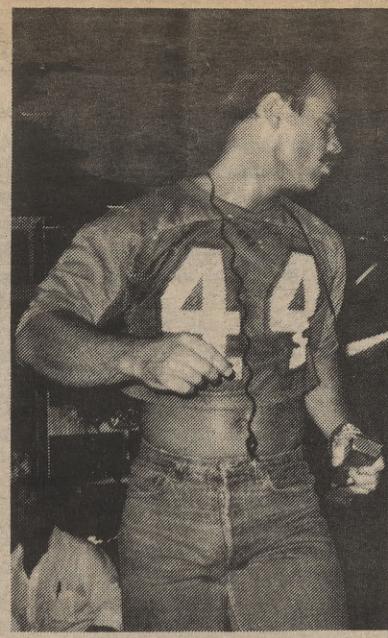


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FANTASY

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enchantment, of wonder, to bring joy or perhaps tears.

Skip and Peter had a secret that they hadn't revealed to each other. They both had a crush on one certain movie star: Johnny Baker.

Peter possessed a wonderful imagination. The movies were a catalyst that set his imaginary world into motion.

Skip worried wondering if Skip would someday go too far and lose his hold on reality and daydream himself right out of this world.

Suddenly one day it happened. It was the first showing of *Men Of The Purple Sage*, a western starring Johnny Baker—a rugged-looking hunk with dark, shiny, slicked-back hair, cool eyes encircled with thick lashes, full lips, and a firm jaw; a sexy body that would take an hour to describe.

Peter stood up, walked away without a word, climbed the steps to

the screen. Skip called out to him, but he didn't seem to notice. There was a sudden and brilliant flash and Peter was gone, vanished.

Ten years later Skip would still occasionally drive by the old theater, now an relic destined for demolition. He often wondered whatever had happened to Peter that day so long ago. He was never found; some said he ran out of the theater and simply disappeared, a runaway.

Skip felt that he had to go into the derelict theater one last time before it, too, disappeared. It was a cold and rainy night when he crept inside for his final visit. It was cold and musty smelling. Suddenly he heard the voices coming from what was once the projection booth. He climbed the stairs, his heart pounding. The booth was spotless, like someone or something had been keeping it clean. What's more, the projectors were intact, like new. "How can this be," he pondered? He threw a switch and the room lit up.

"Could it be? Will they still run?" Another surprise nearly blew his mind. The projectors were loaded, the empty metal containers nearby with the title in full view: *Men Of The Purple Sage*.

Skip started the machine, ran out of the room, and sat in one of the sagging old seats. He watched, filled with wonder, as the scene by the river came up. He got up and walked to the stage and stood in front of the dilapidated old screen. Suddenly there was Peter waving at him. "Come on, Skip, come on. I've been waiting for you a long time."

The old theater was demolished on schedule. The police could never figure out whose car it was that was parked in the alley. The registration was blank, and the license plates were missing. It was as if Skip had

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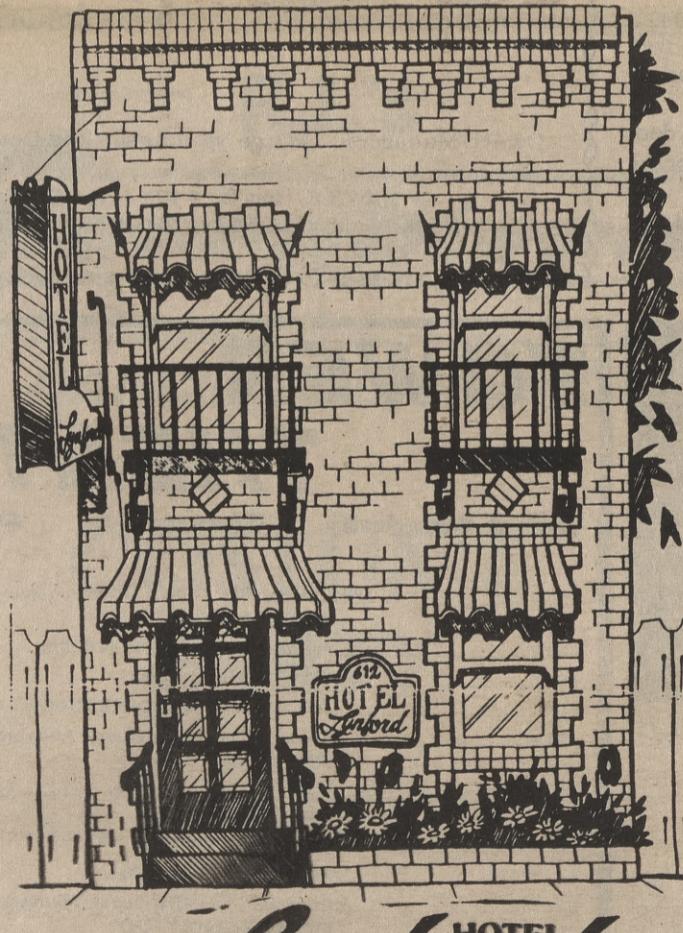
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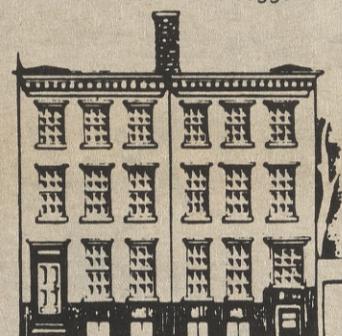
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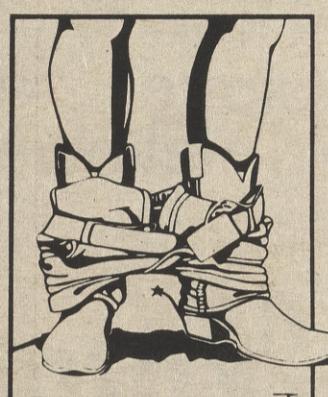
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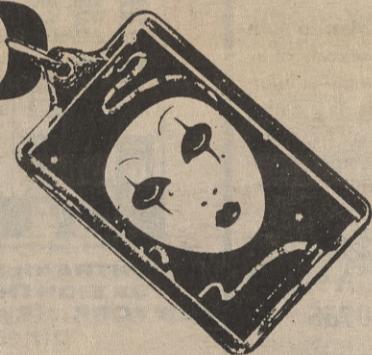
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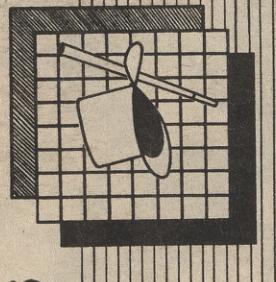
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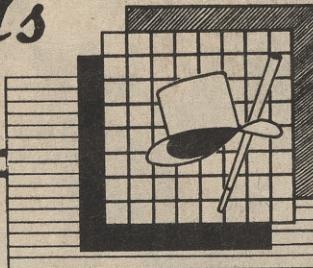
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